

CLAIMS:

1. A steering column apparatus comprising:
  - a steering shaft to which a steering wheel is mounted at the rear end portion thereof;
  - 5 a cylindrical steering column for rotatably supporting said steering column therein;
  - vehicle body-side bracket used to sandwich and fix said steering column;
  - a distance unit formed to be expanded from said steering column by plastic working and sandwiched by said body-side brackets; and
  - 10 position adjusting means for making the position of said steering column with respect to said body-side brackets adjustable within a predetermined adjustment range,
  - 15 wherein said position adjusting means comprises as its constituent element an adjusting bolt for passing through said body-side bracket and said distance unit so as to clamp said distance unit through said body-side bracket, and
  - 20 said adjusting bolt is positioned above said steering shaft.

2. A steering column apparatus according to  
25 Claim 1, wherein said steering column is adjustable in a tilting direction with respect to said body-side bracket, and the lower end of said body-side bracket

is positioned higher than the lower surface of said steering column.

3. A steering column apparatus according to  
5 Claim 1 or 2, wherein an electric assist mechanism for assisting a steering power of said steering wheel is secured to the tip end of said steering column.

4. A steering column apparatus according to  
10 Claim 1 or 2, wherein said plastic working is performed by hydroforming.